

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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C 1 2 (Three times Amended). The positive-working radiation-sensitive composition according to claim 21, wherein said resin (a) comprises repeating units, each containing a hydroxystyrene group, wherein at least a part of the hydroxy groups of the hydroxystyrene groups of the repeating units are protected by said acid-decomposing group of formula (I').

C 2 6 (Twice Amended). The positive-working radiation-sensitive composition according to claim 2, wherein from 5 to 45 mol% of the hydroxy groups of the hydroxystyrene groups of the repeating units of the resin (a) are protected by said acid-decomposing group of formula (I').

7 (Twice Amended). The positive-working radiation-sensitive composition according to claim 2, wherein from 10 to 30 mol% of the hydroxy groups of the hydroxystyrene groups of the repeating units of the resin (a) are protected by said acid-decomposing group of formula (I').